

than that embodied in the bill we introduce today. Again, I have no objection to the House alternative.

Mr. President, in closing, I note that the administration is supportive of this legislation and of making the program permanent. According to a recent administration report in support of extending FTCA coverage: "Our experience to date \* \* \* is sufficiently positive that we believe that it is advisable to adopt FTCA coverage without a time limitation, rather than to continue to insert sunset provisions."

The legislation that Senator KENNEDY and I are introducing today will result in the delivery of more public health services to underserved areas throughout the country, whether these areas are urban or rural. It is no secret to my colleagues that I am a tremendous fan of the work that CHC's are doing, especially in Utah, and I think it behooves the Congress to give them this added tool to help improve health care services in areas in which access has traditionally suffered.

At the bottom line, the 1992 legislation achieved more public health bang-for-the-buck and should be made permanent.

It is important that a bill be acted upon in the near future to extend coverage so that centers will know whether or not they have to purchase private coverage for 1996. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support a permanent extension of the legislation authorizing Federal Tort Claims Act coverage of community health centers.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 881

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify provisions relating to church pension benefit plans, to modify certain provisions relating to participants in such plans, to reduce the complexity of and to bring workable consistency to the applicable rules, to promote retirement savings and benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. DOMENICI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of certain water reclamation and re-use projects and desalination research and development projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. FRIST] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, to improve the registration of pes-

ticides, to provide minor use crop protection, to improve pesticide tolerances to safeguard infants and children, and for other purposes.

S. 1289

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. MURKOWSKI] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1289, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the use of private contracts, and for other purposes.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois [Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to ensure personal privacy with respect to medical records and health care-related information, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1392, a bill to impose temporarily a 25-percent duty on imports of certain Canadian wood and lumber products, to require the administering authority to initiate an investigation under title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to such products, and for other purposes.

S. 1414

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Maine [Mr. COHEN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1414, a bill to ensure that payments during fiscal year 1996 of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities, of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, and of other veterans benefits are made regardless of Government financial shortfalls.

S. 1429

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Nebraska [Mr. KERREY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1429, a bill to provide clarification in the reimbursement to States for federally funded employees carrying out Federal programs during the lapse in appropriations between November 14, 1995, through November 19, 1995.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL], the Senator from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] were added as cosponsors of Senate Joint Resolution 43, a joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding Wei Jingsheng; Gedhun Choekyi Nyima, the next Panchen Lama of Tibet; and the human rights practices of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3097

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL the name of the Senator from Maryland [Ms. MIKULSKI] was added as a cosponsor of Amendment No. 3097 proposed to Senate Joint Resolution 31, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the

Constitution of the United States to grant Congress and the States the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, to conduct a markup of S. 1228, Iran Foreign Oil Sanctions Act of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Tuesday, December 12, at 2:30 p.m., Hearing room (SD-406) on S. 776, the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act Amendments of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, at 2 p.m. to hold a business meeting to vote on pending items.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Tuesday, December 12, at 2:15 p.m. for a markup on the following agenda:

##### NOMINATIONS

Donald S. Wasserman, to be member, Federal Labor Relations Board.

David Williams, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration. (Sequential referral. Finance held its hearing on Thursday, November 30, and favorably reported the nominee out).

##### LEGISLATION

S. 1224, the Administrative Disputes Resolution Act of 1995.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, for purposes of conducting a markup on S. 814, to provide for the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and S. 1159, to establish an American Indian Policy Information Center.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to